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**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Please note Japanese Patent No. 3300803 is discussed on page 3 of the specification. Please also note that the enclosed Japanese Patent Publication No. 7-113617 is the earlier laid-open publication of this Japanese Patent.

Please also note that the English language translations of these Japanese references are also enclosed. Please note that these English translations are machine translations provided by the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office states that the translation may not precisely reflect the original Japanese text. The English language abstracts of these Japanese references are also enclosed.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.


It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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